

He Wouldn't Have It.

A squat little man, very corpulent, very stiff-necked, and very much out of sorts halted a policeman at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Wayne street yesterday and said:

"Ha, sir! but what kind of a city is this, sir? Ha! (blowing his nose) it strikes me that you're a queer set."

"Anything wrong?" "Ha! sir! yes (blow), sir! I came from —, with the excursion. I had scarcely put foot on the street when a boy called me a caravan, sir! Ha! (blow) a caravan!"

"He shouldn't have done it." "And a stranger slapped me on the back and yelled hello, pard! in my ear! Yes, sir, (blow) he did, sir—in my ear, sir!"

"That was wrong." "And a boot-black, sir (blow), had the impudence to call my feet freight cars, and to ask me what line I run on! Yes, (blow), sir—what line I run on! Ha! sir."

"He deserved arrest!" "Ha! he (blow) did, sir. I want the people of Detroit to understand that I'm worth \$14,000, sir, mostly in cash—mostly in cash, sir."

"Yes." "And I've been a Justice of the Peace for twenty-two years, sir! Ha! (blow) sir."

"Yes, sir. (A long blow.) And when one of your villains calls out to shoot this hat, sir, I want him to understand that I'm also postmaster."

"You are!" "Yes, sir, and when any one sneers at my clothes, sir, let him remember that I've run for the Legislature—the Legislature, sir! Ha! (blow) and was almost elected! I won't have this undue familiarity, sir! Why, no man in my town would dare to call me pard, let alone slapping me on the back! Why, sir (blow), why—but I want this stopped!"

"Yes, sir!" "I won't put up with it!" "Yes, sir."

"I am entitled to respect, sir! Yes (blow). I ha! ha! am, sir!" "Yes, sir."

He walked up Jefferson avenue, but had not gone a block when a truckman, who was tossing watermelons to a man on the walk, made a miss, but hit the \$14,000 man in the back with a twenty-pounder, and cried out:

"Look out, Shorty, or you'll be counted in and sold for a quarter." — Detroit Free Press.

Farragut Conquering Himself.

Farragut's own story of his self-conquest is exceedingly interesting. "When I was about ten years old," he says, "when I accompanied my father as cabin boy to New Orleans with the little navy we then had to look after the treason of Aaron Burr, I had some qualities that I thought made a man of me. I could swear like an old sailor. I could drink as stiff a glass of grog as if I had sailed round Cape Horn, and could smoke like a locomotive. I was great at cards, and fond of gambling in every shape. At the close of the dinner one day my father turned everybody out of the cabin, locked the door, and said to me: 'David, what do you mean to be?' 'I mean to follow the sea.' 'Follow the sea! Yes, be a poor, miserable, drunken sailor before the mast, kicked and cuffed about the world, and die in some fever hospital in a foreign land.' 'No,' I said, 'I'll tread the quarter-deck and command, as you do.' 'No, David, my boy; no boy ever trod the quarter-deck with such principles and habits as you have. You'll have to change your whole course of life if you ever become a man.' My father left me and went on deck. I was stunned by the rebuke. A poor, miserable, drunken sailor before the mast! kicked and cuffed about the world, and to die in some fever hospital! That's my fate, is it? I'll change my life, and change it at once. I will never utter another oath. I will never drink another drop of intoxicating liquor; I will never gamble; and, as God is my witness, I have kept those three resolutions to this hour."

How Long Will It Last?

The calculations about the British coal-fields have set statisticians at work to determine how long the anthracite coal of this country will last. Our soft or bituminous coal is practically inexhaustible, but east of the Rocky Mountains, so far as known, hard or anthracite coal is confined to a limited area in the State of Pennsylvania. There are 820,000 square miles of hard coal country in that State. Estimating a hundred tons to the acre in depth, would give 820,000,000 tons. As the various strata of coal would average thirty feet in depth, a grand total of 9,600,000,000 represents the total production. As the present consumption is 80,000,000 tons per annum, it will be over three hundred years before the Pennsylvania supply will be exhausted. Some very fine anthracite coal has been found in Colorado, and other strata of it will doubtless be uncovered in parts of the extreme western country, but with our vast stores of bituminous coal, our wood, and petroleum, there is no danger of a want of fuel for a thousand years ahead, no matter how dense our population. Then it is not unreasonable to believe that chemistry may give us new heat-producing combinations which will dispense with the use of our present fuels. — Democrat's Monthly.

A horse balked with a man in Buffalo the other day, and he sat there in his buggy for nine hours before the animal moved on. He was a house painter, working by the day, and would have put in another hour if necessary. — Detroit Free Press.

Does Farming Pay?

It is just as reasonable to ask if any other occupation pays, as to ask, Does farming pay? Some persons make farming pay, and others do not. Some persons make fortunes in trade, while others lose all they have. Some men succeed in the practice of law or medicine, while others fail. Not more than one-third of the lawyers and doctors obtain more than a livelihood from the practice of their profession. Not more than one in ten of the merchants become wealthy in trade. Yet nine-tenths of the farmers make their business pay them something more than enough to pay their expenses, and save a little to add to their capital. The profits in farming are not large, but they are sure, and attended with very little risk.

Looking at farming as a whole, and judging from the condition of the whole class of farmers, we should say that farming pays the best of any occupation. It pays the best because it secures a competence to a larger proportion of those engaged in it than any other occupation. Compared with the mechanic, the farmer's lot seems decidedly to be preferred. A large part of the men employed in manufacturing shops, mills and factories, obtain only about \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day, and have a family to support out of that. After paying rent, buying groceries, clothes, food and other necessary supplies for the year, the mechanic who earns only \$1.25 or \$1.50 per day, has little left, and if he has had the misfortune to have sickness in his family, very likely then he is unable to meet his current expenses. The mechanic works more days in the year, and more hours in the day, on an average, than the farmer, and works in a less wholesome atmosphere, and saves less from his year's work.

Farming does not pay with some farmers. Some men who have been given good farms, are unable to obtain a living from them, and are finally forced to abandon them. There are farmers who could squander the largest fortunes if they were left to them. Such persons have no faculty for holding on to property. It is a very easy matter, however, to manage a farm in such a way that there will be no profits derived from it. The farm tools may be left just where they were used last, until they are wanted again, exposed all the time to the weather. Exposure to the weather injures tools as much as use does, so that the owner who does not care for his farm tools will have to be three times the expense in purchasing them that another will who does take good care of them. Farm implements, in these days are numerous and very expensive, and he who leaves them out doors will not be able to make farming pay. Farming does not pay with some persons because they are so "shiftless" and "slack," letting everything go until it falls to pieces before any repairs are attempted. Numerous losses befall them on account of such management. Lack of judgment prevents others from making farming profitable. Such ones fail to bring together the right conditions to secure good crops. Their corn comes up uneven, fails to grow thriftily; their potatoes are destroyed by the beetles because of a few days of neglect; their wheat was sown when the ground was too wet, and failed to come up well; their grass land fails to be productive; their farm stock is injudiciously fed, and occasionally an animal dies, and the rest of them are unthrifty. These are samples of the way everything goes on some farms. — New England Farmer.

Hogs.

The Statistician of the United States Bureau of Statistics has prepared the following table showing the total number of hogs in every State in the Union the 1st of January, 1883, the average price, and total values. It will be noticed that Iowa leads largely in number of hogs and total value:

Table with columns: State, Hogs, No., Average price, Value. Lists states from Maine to Wyoming with corresponding statistics.

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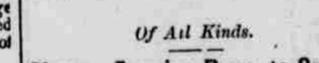
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